National Social Assistance Programme in Himachal Pradesh

†417. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes introduced under the National Social Assistance programme in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) The amount spent on the same during the year 1999-2000 alongwith the number of persons benefited by the said programme;

(c) whether Government have constituted any specific study group in this regard;

(d) if so, the full details thereof alongwith the progress made by them; and

(e) district-wise and panchayat-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) All the three components of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) namely: (i) National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), (ii) National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS), and (iii) National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS), have been introduced in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The NMBS has, however, been transferred to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare w.e.f. 1.4.2001, and as such, is no longer a component of NSAP.

(b) During the year 1999-2000, the State of Himachal Pradesh was released Rs. 233.29 lakh, Rs.29.37 lakh and Rs. 12.22 lakh under NOAPS, NFBS and NMBS respectively. The utilisation and the number of beneficiaries reported by the State Government are Rs. 191.54 lakh under NOAPS (15176 beneficiaries), Rs. 40.27 lakh under NFBS (451 beneficiaries) and Rs. 17.88 lakh under NMBS (3492 beneficiaries)

(c) A Quick Evaluation Study of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) was entrusted to M/s Centre for Management Development, Thycaud, Thiruvanthapuram, during 2000. The

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Study was conducted in 129 Districts of 30 States/UTs of the country, including the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(d) and (e) The State of Himachal Pradesh has been ranked 9th among the States according to their performance in the implementation of the NSAP Schemes. The ranking scheme was developed by using certain paramenters like coverage of the Scheme, utilisation of the funds, economic backwardness of the recipients, timeliness of release of benefits, expenditure incurred for the recipients for getting the benefits, impact of the NSAP Schemes on social development, follow-up actions by the concerned Officials on complaints from beneficiaries etc. and providing appropriate weightages for the selected parameters. The impact of the NSAP Schemes on social development in the State of Himachal Pradesh, has been rated as 'to some extent' in case of NOAPS and NFBS while in case of NMBS, similar rating has been given only for pre-natal care. The Study however, pertains to the period from 1996-97 to 1998-99. It also covered only two Districts in Himachal Pradesh *viz.*, Solan and Mandi. The Report does not provide District-wise and Panchayat-wise, details.

IAY and Gandhi Kuteer Yojana in Himachal Pradesh

†418. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The progress made under the Indira Avaas Yojana and Gandhi Kuteer Yojana during the year 1999-2000 in Himachal Pradesh alongwith the district-wise details thereof;

(b) The amount provided to each district alongwith the amount spent out of it during the same period; and

(c) The number of beneficiaries of the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOLPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Government of Himachal

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